

KINLOCHBERVIE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of meeting held in Harbour Conference Room 6.5.09 @ 7.00pm

Present – G Wild, A Owen, C MacKenzie, J Mann. J MacKay, R Lansley (CVS North)

Apologies – P Cooper, G Sutherland, J Wood, B Pearson, M Otter.

Resignation – A letter of resignation was received from D Woodroffe

Minutes of last meeting – Proposed GW, seconded AO

Matters Arising :-

Viewpoint – This was discussed at the Community Council 5.5.09 and on the advice of councillor R Rowantree GW will speak to the Crofters Commission and the estate to find out the correct procedure to resume the land required. There is no wish to antagonize the crofters involved but the project is too much of an opportunity to fall at the first hurdle.

Signs – Henry Flett spoke to Ian Moncrief and with the assistance of Ward Manager Andy MacKay to expedite matters these should be in place in the next few days.

Picnic Site – The extra marble chippings are now on site and thanks goes to James MacDonald and Lawrence MacLeod for arranging this. The remaining tables should be sanded and painted in the next week. The High School is unable to produce the interpretative sign at present due to lack of students in the woodwork department. An alternative will have to be found.

Ronnie Lansley CVS North

GW outlined the problem that there were too many groups with broadly the same aims in Kinlochbervie and as a result effort was being diluted and we required advice as the best way to go forward.

RL said this was a common problem and other communities were also undertaking a similar rationalisation process. He advised that as the Community Company had been set up in accordance with the Land Reform Act it would be able to carry out the vast majority of community projects via sub-groups.

It would be relatively easy to dissolve the KVCA and CDP as long as it was done in line with their constitutions and he felt there would be no difficulty in greeting charitable status for the Company and he would be able to help us with the correct wording for the forms. OSCAR would want to know what our plans were for the community in areas like social enterprise, heritage, signs, walks etc. we would need to send the Memorandum and Articles to OSCAR and a minute from the board of directors and members stating the decision to apply for charitable status.

There are increasing burdens on charities as regards their record keeping and accounts and directors will be charity trustees but as long as procedures are correctly followed there should be no major difficulty.

It was decided that both the CDP and the KVCA should dissolve and any money be transferred to the company. Meetings will be arranged for that purpose and it was hoped that with the better than expected support for the Company the changes would result in a more dynamic body able to take projects forward.

GW thanked Ronnie Lansley for his advice which would allow us to move ahead in a positive manner.

Treasurer's Report – Alun Owen will have final accounts prepared for the next meeting (AGM).

Date of next meeting – Wed 3rd June, 2009 @ 7.00pm Conference Room, Harbour Offices.